

Title: Chapter Four, Part 3

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Fourth Chapter: Shattered
Legacy

Some accusations were made that the attempted assassination had been commissioned by none other than Lord Blackthorn. Lord Blackthorn had recently returned unexpectedly to Britannia, bringing tales of his explorations of Ambrosia. He did not comment on the reports of witnessing him entering red moongates in various dungeons after his abduction, but very uncharacteristically expressed the need for greater enforcement of the virtues, especially on criminals such as the Followers of Armageddon. Any link between Lord Blackthorn and Gruzak remained tenuous and unsubstantiated.

The Followers of Armageddon still in possession of their freedom wasted no time in bringing their plans to fruition. Sending most of their remaining followers to a diversionary attack on Trinsic, they abducted Julia and Mariah to their sanctum in the depths of dungeon Shame, where the lingering effects of Mondain's ancient spells facilitated contact with dimensions outside Britannia. There they

compelled Julia and Mariah to craft two stone pentagrams from the Followers' blackrock. The pentagrams were transported to the surface for the ritual to summon the dark wisps. Britannian soldiery intervened just as the ritual was completed. The dark wisps were destroyed, and the remaining Followers of Armageddon, save only Miron Vehl and the one in prison, were slain trying to defend them.

Leaderless, the remaining supporters of the Followers disclosed themselves in erratic, purposeless attacks. Tracking them down, Halston Montil interrogated members of that motley crew until at last learning of the Follower's hideout in Shame. Halston and the Britannian forces arrived in Shame at a strange standoff. G'Thunk the troll was facing down Miron Vehl, leader of the Followers of Armageddon. To one side stood Mariah and Julia. G'Thunk intended to kill Miron Vehl, blaming him, for whatever reason, for the death of his brother G'Splat. The words of Halston Montil, Julia, and the others gathered would not dissuade G'Thunk, and he descended upon Vehl. Julia interposed herself at the last moment, taking the blow that sent her into a coma, from which she has never recovered. G'Thunk was slain in the ensuing melee, and Miron Vehl surrendered himself.

Preparations were made
for a trial of Vehl and
the other captured
Follower of Armageddon,
but both inexplicably died
in custody.

The truth of their origins
and motives remained a
mystery until the
discovery of their
compatriots in Ilshenar.
